

Garden Basics Class Schedule

Join Master Gardener Larry Cipolla for FREE classes at the Southdale YMCA, 7355 York Avenue, Edina, MN.

Time is 6:30 - 8 p.m., please call 952-826-0367 by the Thursday prior to let us know if you will attend.

Friday, January 17

BACKYARD COMPOSTING

Forget the disposal. Use your kitchen and yard waste to create black gold for your garden. We are talking compost! Learn the why and how of composting, the easy way. You'll learn what to compost and why, how to build or buy composting bins and barrels, and identify which of the different composting methods works best for you given your time and budget.

Friday, February 21

SEEDS AND SEEDLINGS

Starting your own seeds is easy and very cost effective. We will cover the basics of starting your own seeds and how to ensure success. You will learn what seed starting supplies to consider, the best types of lights to use, seed starting mixes, which veggies to start by seed, which to direct seed, which to buy as transplants, when to start your seeds and how often to transplant them, how to prevent damping off, winter seeding, and much more.

Friday, March 21

VEGGIES ONE BY ONE

Have you always wanted to grow your own vegetables? This is the class for you. We will cover the most common cool and warm weather vegetables for your backyard, containers, or community garden plot. You will learn how and when to plant them, what spacing to use for row planting and the number of plants per square foot, how care for them, and when to harvest each one.

Friday, April 11

ADVANCED VEGGIES AND HERBS

Grow beyond the basics with this inter-active program. Create a multi-year rotation plan to minimize diseases and insect damage; learn how to maximize your space with vertical, container, and inter-planting. You will learn the benefits of different mulching materials and how to extend your growing season with succession plantings of cool and warm weather vegetables.

Larry Cipolla is a master gardener in Hennepin County and has been gardening for more than 40 years. He is a frequent speaker to garden clubs, community gardens, master gardeners, and gardeners of all types and levels of experiences. Handouts included with each class.

